

One-Pion exchange potential **in** **a strong magnetic field**

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Based on work in progress

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Motivation : Nuclear force in a strong magnetic field

Magnetar



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$\sim 10^{15}$ G McGill Magnetar Catalog

Magnetar : One of the Neutron stars which have a strong magnetic field

On the surface of this star, the magnitude of magnetic field is up to 10^{15} G

Heavy Ion Collision : A magnetic field of up to 10^{18} G is generated

when relativistically accelerated charged particles collide non-centrally

Heavy Ion Collision

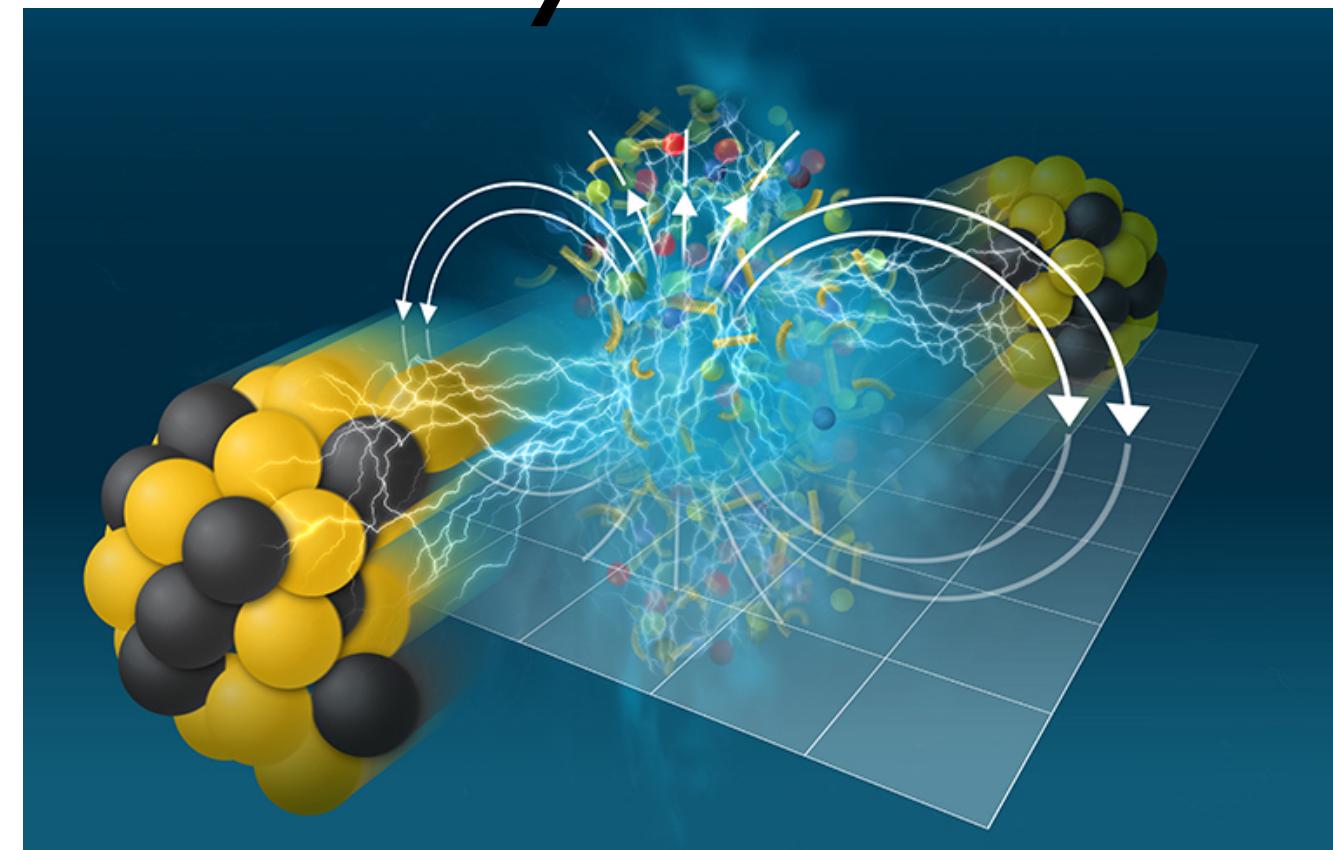
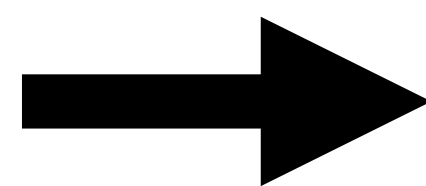


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$\sim 10^{18}$ G STAR Collaboration(2024)



We are inspired and interested in a **Nuclear force in a strong magnetic field**

Especially, we focus on **pion-exchange potential** because this is the lightest meson

Motivation : OPEP in a strong magnetic field

The deuteron

- Isospin-singlet $T = 0$, Spin-triplet $S = 1$, Total angular momentum $J = 1$
- Non-zero electric quadrupole moment
- Magnetic moment $0.857\mu_N$ μ_N : Nuclear magneton

$$\longrightarrow |d_M\rangle = C_S |^3S_1\rangle + C_D |^3D_1\rangle \quad M = 0, \pm 1 \quad |C_S|^2 \simeq 0.96, |C_D|^2 \simeq 0.04$$

This mixture of state is understood to be caused by **tensor operator in a one-pion exchange potential (OPEP)**

$$\text{OPEP : } \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}} = \#(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2) \left[\left(\frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{m_\pi}{r} + \frac{m_\pi^2}{3} \right) \hat{S}_{12} + \frac{m_\pi^2}{3} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \right] \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{r}$$

r : relative distance of two Nucleons
 $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1,2}$: Isospin operator acts Nucleons

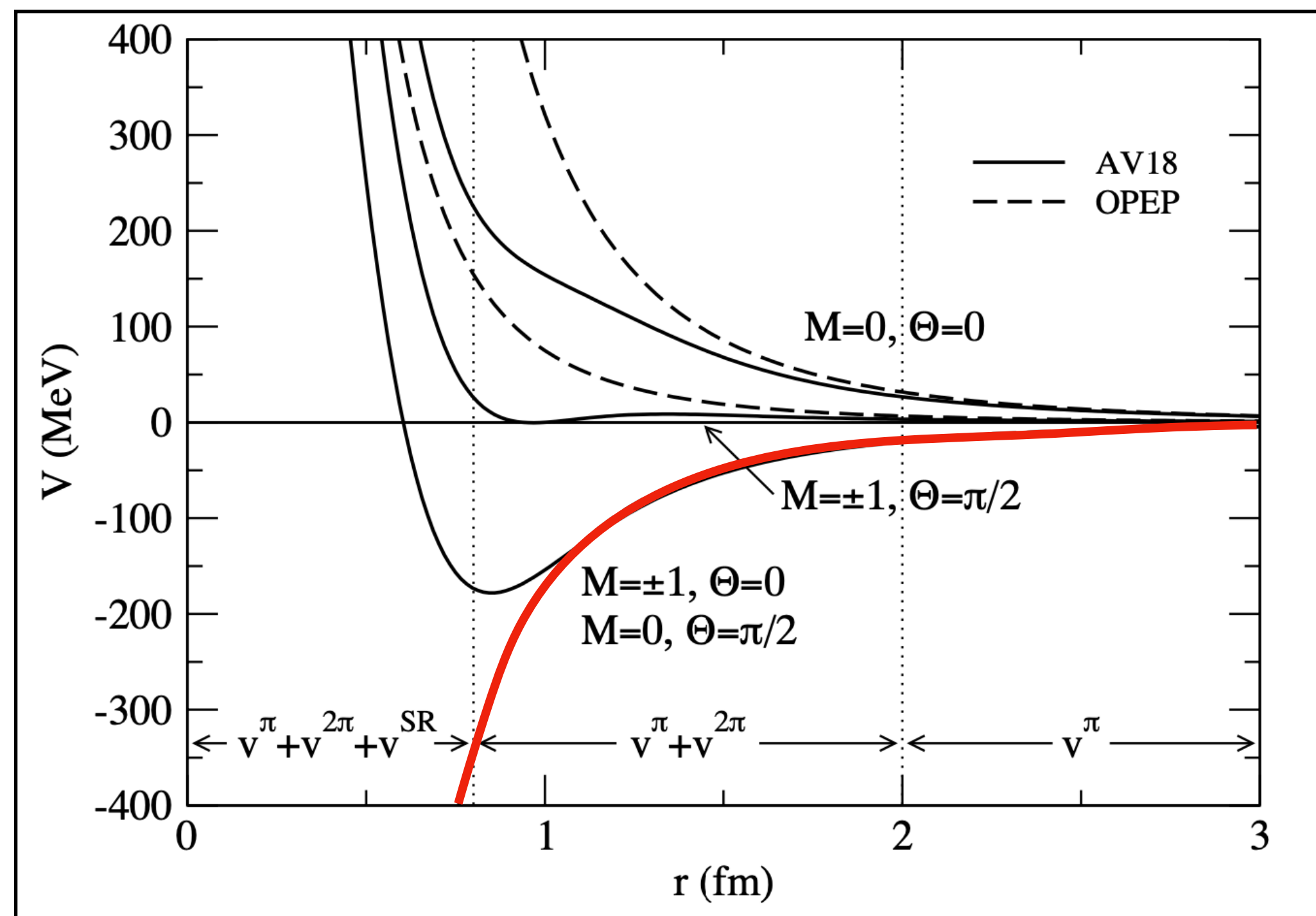
$$\text{Tensor operator : } \hat{S}_{12} = \frac{3}{r^2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{r})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{r}) - (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)$$

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1,2}$: Spin operator

$$[\hat{S}_{12}, \hat{\boldsymbol{L}}] \neq 0 \quad \text{and } ^3S_1 \text{ and } ^3D_1 \text{ mix}$$

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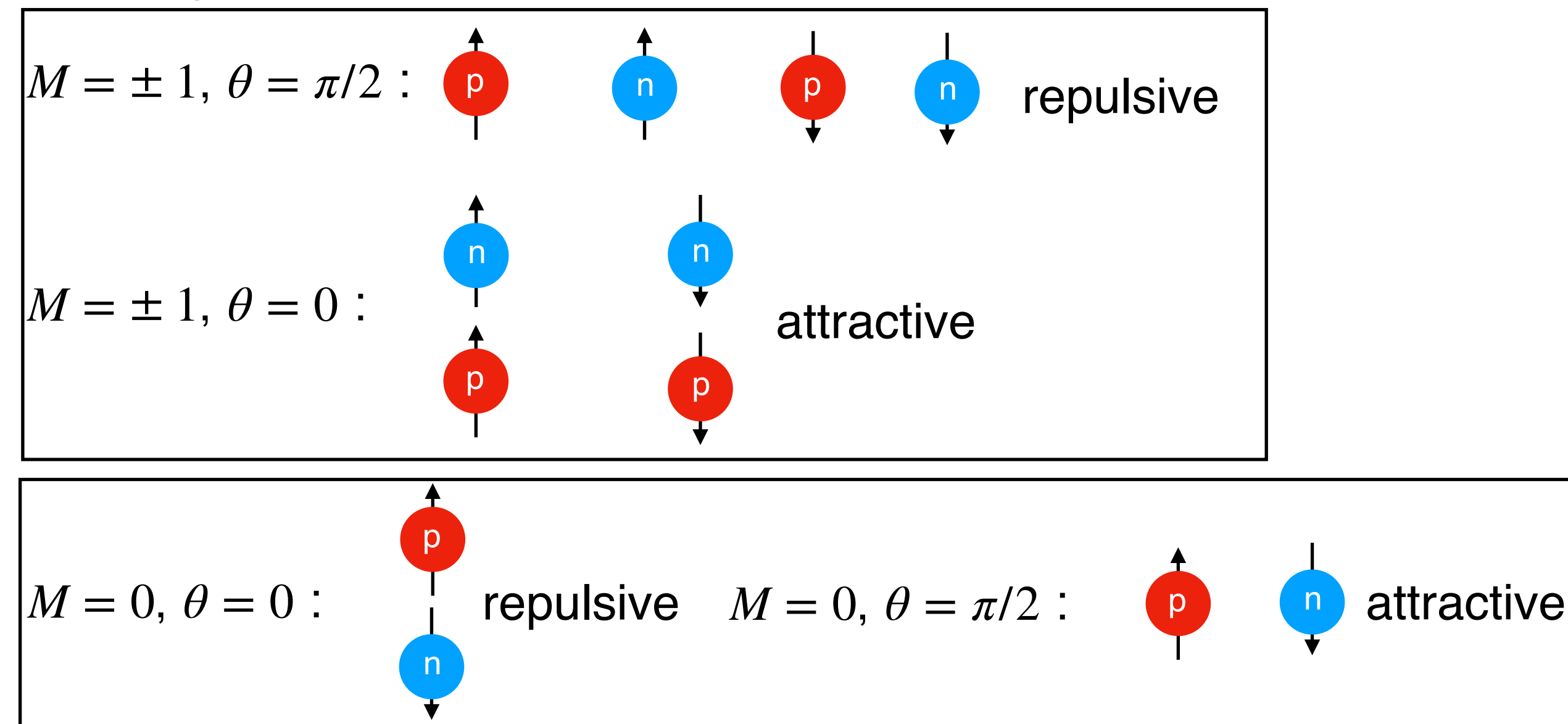
This tensor operator play role for binding proton and neutron



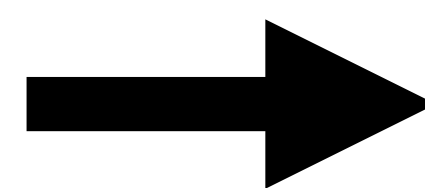
Comparison OPEP with AV 18 potential for $T = 0, S = 1$

NuSTEC Class Notes

θ : angle between spin and relative distance



Tensor force from OPEP is very attractive
and this force is the factor that deuterons exist



Based on the above, we **derive OPEP in a magnetic field**

As application, we **examine the deuteron energy shift using OPEP in a magnetic field**

One-pion exchange potential in a strong magnetic field

Construction of the interacting Hamiltonian

Chiral Lagrangian with a magnetic field $\vec{B} = (0,0,B)^t$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = g^{\mu\nu} D_{\mu}^{+} \pi^{+} D_{\nu}^{-} \pi^{-} - m_{\pi}^2 \pi^{+} \pi^{-} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \pi^0)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_{\pi}^2 (\pi^0)^2$$

$$+ N^{\dagger} i D_0 N - \frac{g_A}{2f_{\pi}} \sum_{a=\pm} D_i^a \pi^a N^{\dagger} \sigma^i \tau_a N - \frac{g_A}{2f_{\pi}} \partial_i \pi^0 N^{\dagger} \sigma^i \tau_0 N$$

Non-rela Nucleon

$$N = (p, n)^t$$

$$D_{\mu}^{\pm} \pi^{\pm} \equiv \partial_{\mu} \pi^{\pm} \pm ie A_{\mu} \pi^{\pm}$$

- Take the heavy baryon limit for nucleons
- A_{μ} in Covariant derivative
- Magnitude of magnetic field

$$|eB| \sim m_{\pi}^2 \ll m_N^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |eB| = m_{\pi}^2 \sim 10^{18} \text{G}$$

- Neglect Zeeman term such as $\frac{e}{2m_N} \sigma \cdot \mathbf{B} \ll 1$

Construction of the interacting Hamiltonian

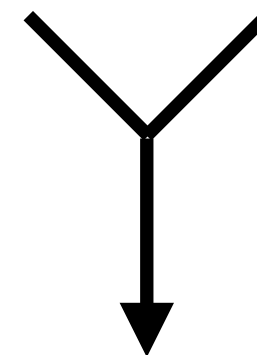
Int. Hamiltonian from Lagrangian

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \int d^3r \sum_{a=\pm} D_i^a \pi^a N^\dagger \sigma^i \tau_a N$$

π field from EoM

$$\pi^a(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \int d^3r' N_{r'}^\dagger \sigma^j \tau_{-a} N_{r'} D_j'^{-a} i\Delta^a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|A)$$

This is induced by a Nucleon at position r'



Interacting Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \int d^3r d^3r' \sum_{a=\pm} N_{r'}^\dagger N_r^\dagger (\sigma^j \tau_{-a})_{r'} (\sigma^i \tau_a)_r D_i^a D_j'^{-a} i\Delta^a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|A) N_{r'} N_r$$

To get OPEP for the deuteron state

① Charged pion propagator
 $i\Delta^a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|A)$

② Acting on the state

Charged Pion propagator in a strong magnetic field

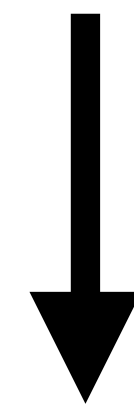
When A_i is translational-invariant such as **Fock-Schwinger gauge**

$$A_j^{\text{FS}}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \equiv -\frac{1}{2} F_{jk} (r^k - r'^k)$$

propagator satisfy

$$[-\delta^{ij} (D_i^\pm)_\mathbf{r} (D_j^\pm)_\mathbf{r} - m_\pi^2] i\Delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' | A_{\text{FS}}) = \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

Applying gauge transformation



$$D_i^\pm \rightarrow e^{\mp ie\alpha(\mathbf{r})} D_i^\pm e^{\pm ie\alpha(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$A_i^{\text{FS}} \rightarrow A = A_i^{\text{FS}} - \partial_i \alpha(\mathbf{r})$$

$$[-\delta^{ij} (D_i^\pm)_\mathbf{r} (D_j^\pm)_\mathbf{r} + m_\pi^2] i e^{\pm ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \mp ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}')} \Delta^\pm(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | A) = \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

Charged pion propagator in a strong magnetic field

$$\Delta^\pm(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | A) = e^{\mp ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \pm ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}')} \Delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' | A_{\text{FS}})$$

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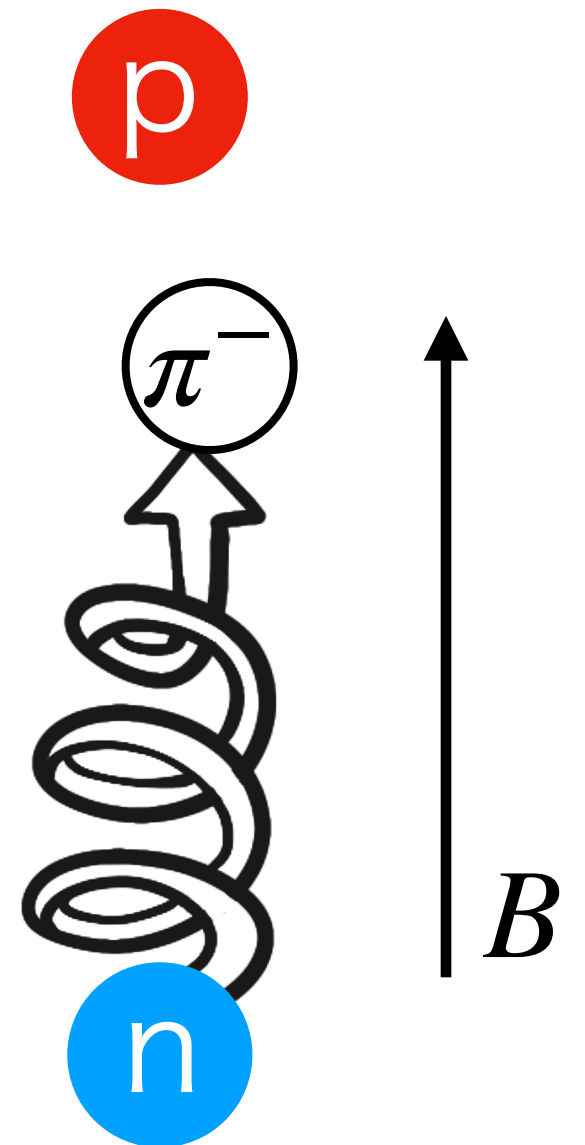
- Propagator in FS gauge

momentum rep.

$$\Delta(\mathbf{p}|A_{\text{FS}}) = 2ie^{-\frac{|\mathbf{p}_\perp|^2}{|eB|}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n L_n \left(\frac{2|\mathbf{p}_\perp|^2}{|eB|} \right) \frac{1}{-p_z^2 - m_\pi^2 - (2n+1)|eB|}$$

F.T. 

$$\Delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|A_{\text{FS}}) = -\frac{i}{4\pi} |eB| e^{-\frac{|eB|}{4} |\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}'_\perp|^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n \left(\frac{|eB|}{2} |\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}'_\perp|^2 \right) \frac{e^{-\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + (2n+1)|eB|} |z-z'|}}{\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + (2n+1)|eB|}}$$



$$\vec{r}_\perp = (x, y)$$

$L_n(x) = L_n^{\alpha=0}(x)$: associated Laguerre polynomials

magnetic field breaks rotational invariance

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② Acting on the state

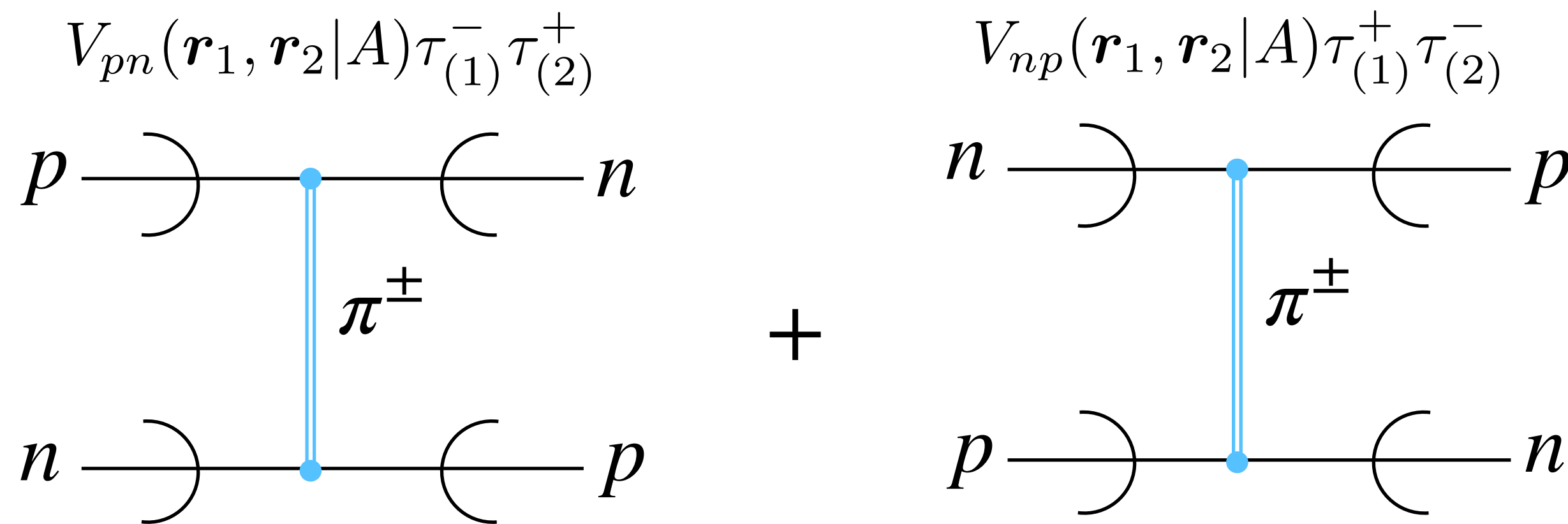
Acting on the state and getting OPEP

• Isospin-singlet $T = 0 \longleftrightarrow \frac{|pn\rangle - |np\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\langle T = 0 | H_{\text{int}} | T = 0 \rangle = \langle T = 0 | \left[V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2 | A) \tau_{(1)}^- \tau_{(2)}^+ + V_{np}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2 | A) \tau_{(1)}^+ \tau_{(2)}^- \right] | T = 0 \rangle$$

$$\equiv \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}^{B \neq 0}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2 | A) = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \left[\sigma_{(1)}^i \sigma_{(2)}^j D_i^- D_j'^+ i\Delta^-(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | A) \Big|_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{r}_2} + \sigma_{(1)}^j \sigma_{(2)}^i D_i^+ D_j'^- i\Delta^+(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | A) \Big|_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{r}_1} \right]$$



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Discussion about gauge transformability

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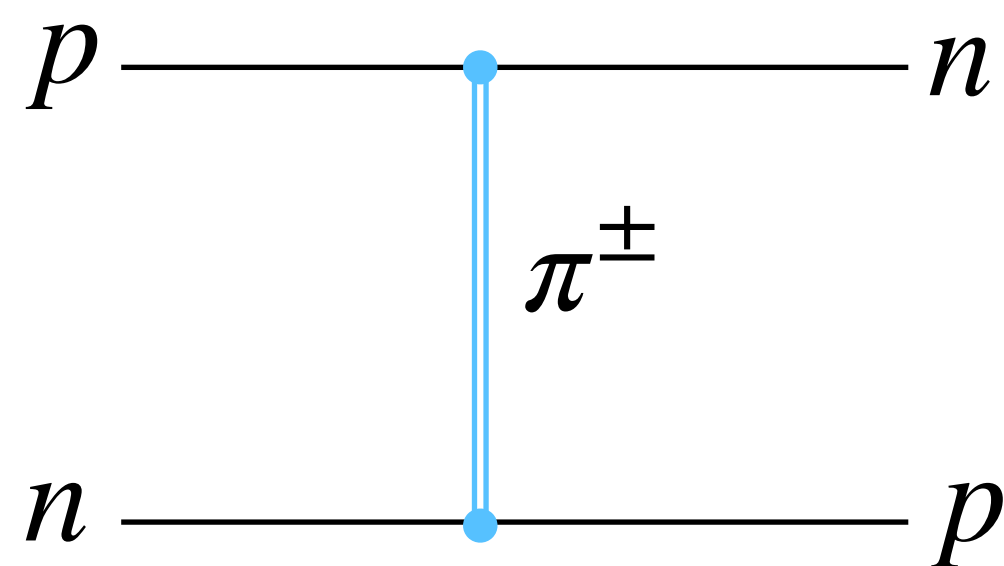
Applying gauge transformation

$$\Delta^\pm(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|A) \rightarrow \Delta^\pm(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|A') = e^{\mp ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \pm ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}')} \Delta^\pm(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|A)$$

$$D_i^\pm \rightarrow e^{\mp ie\alpha(\mathbf{r})} D_i^\pm e^{\pm ie\alpha(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2|A') = e^{-ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1) + ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}_2)} V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2|A) \quad \text{OPEP is not gauge invariant}$$

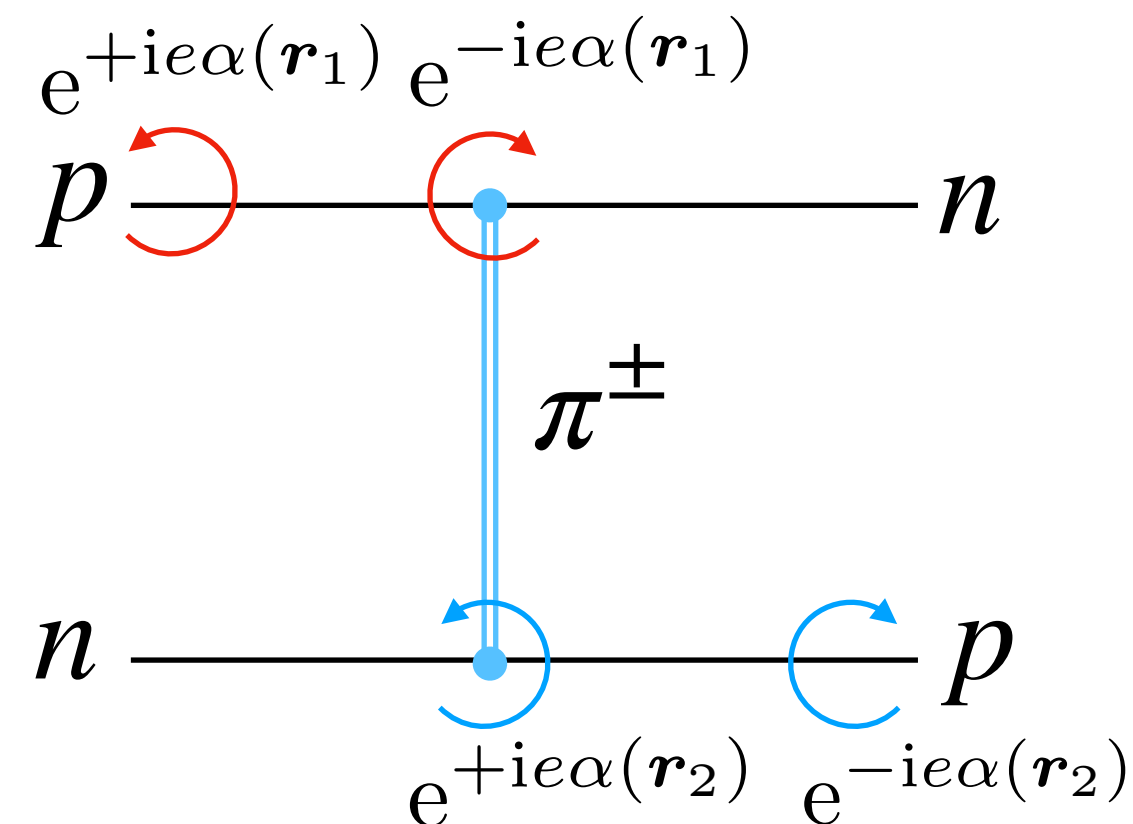
$$\langle T=0 | V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2|A) \tau_{(1)}^- \tau_{(2)}^+ | T=0 \rangle$$



$$|pn\rangle \rightarrow e^{ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1)} |pn\rangle$$

$$\langle np| \rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(\mathbf{r}_2)} \langle np|$$

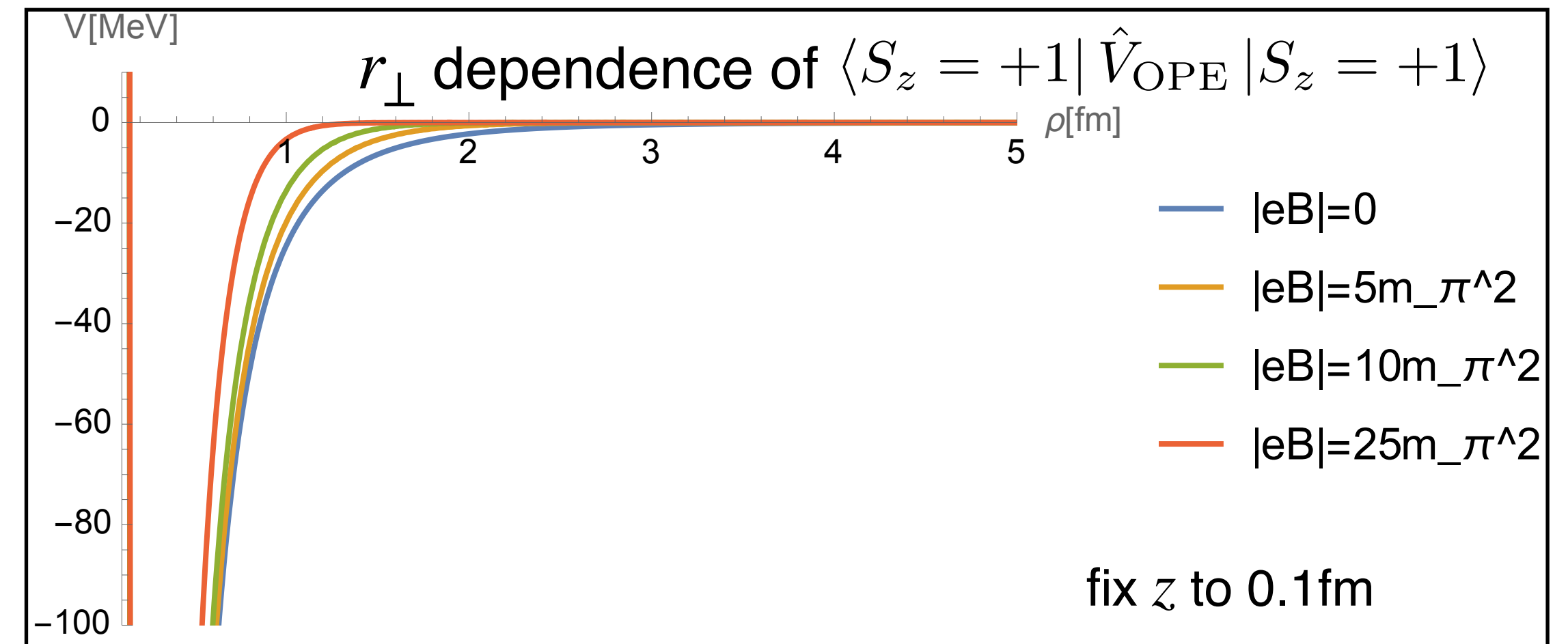
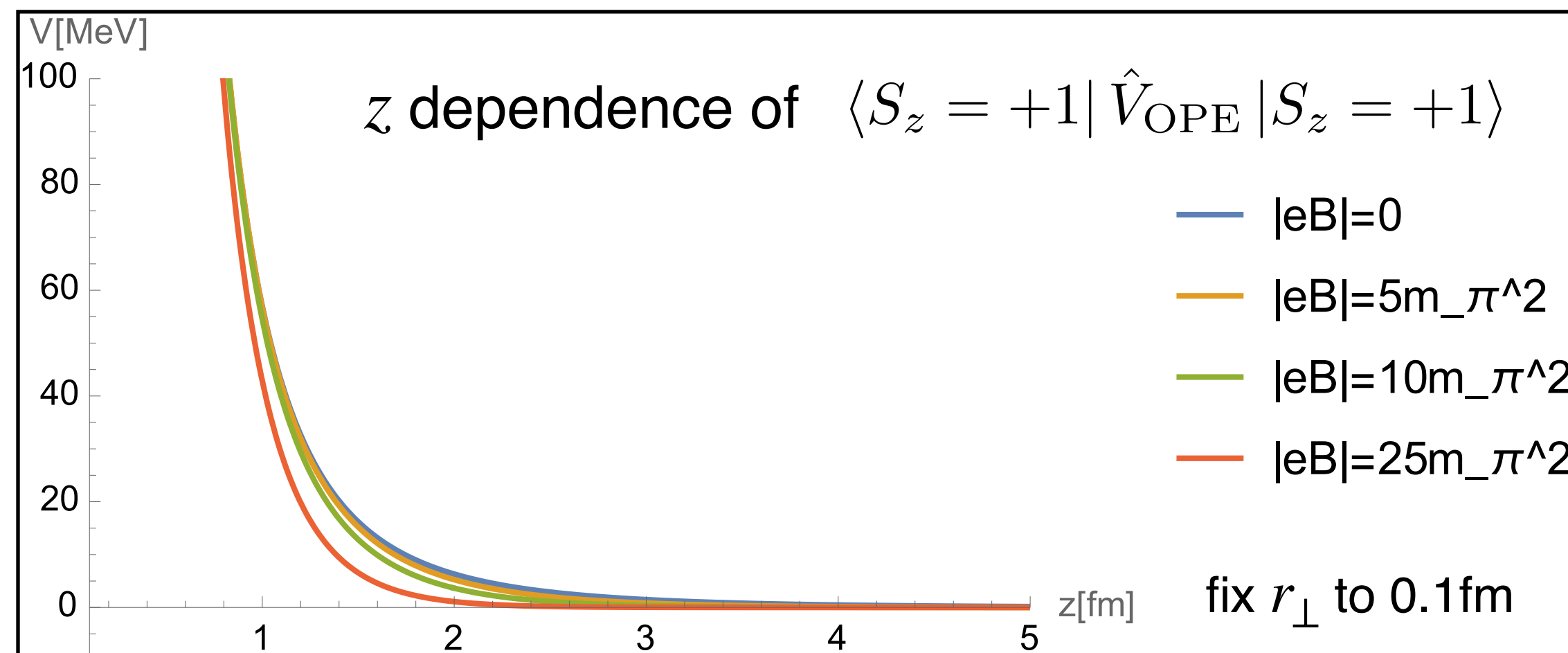
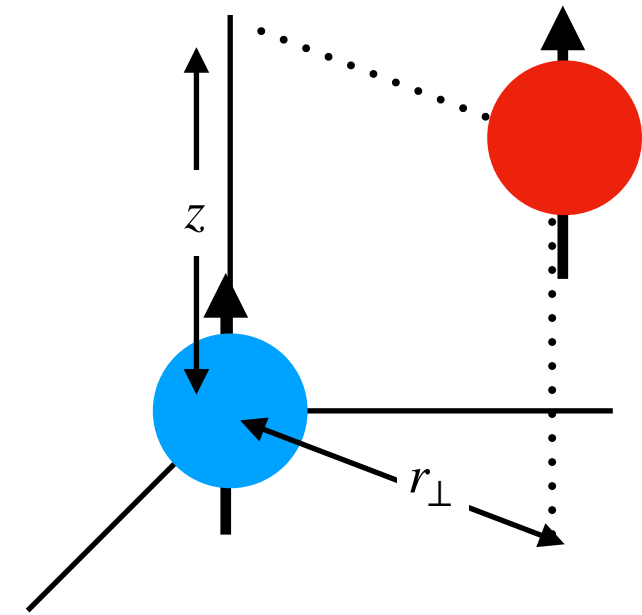
$$\langle T=0 | V_{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2|A) \tau_{(1)}^- \tau_{(2)}^+ | T=0 \rangle$$



expectation value is gauge invariant

Check behavior of OPEP for deuteron (Preliminary)

- $B = 0$ $\langle S_z = +1 | \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}^{B=0} | S_z = +1 \rangle = \frac{g_A^2}{16\pi f_\pi^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{m_\pi}{r} + \frac{m_\pi^2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{3z^2}{r^2} - 1 \right) + \frac{m_\pi^2}{3} \right] \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{r}$
- $B \neq 0$ $\langle S_z = +1 | \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}^{B \neq 0} | S_z = +1 \rangle = \frac{g_A^2 |eB|}{16\pi f_\pi^2} e^{-\frac{|eB|}{4} r_\perp^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + (2n+1)|eB|} L_n \left(\frac{|eB|}{2} r_\perp^2 \right) e^{-\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + (2n+1)|eB|} |z|}$



• These results show that OPEP in a strong magnetic field **changes slightly**

magnitude of magnetic field is $eB = 5m_\pi^2 \leftrightarrow 10^{19} \text{G} \gg$ Magnetar surface magnetic field 10^{15}G

Deuteron energy shift

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deuteron eigenvalue equation for $B = 0$: $\left(\hat{V}_{\text{Heavy}} + \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}\right) |d_M\rangle = \varepsilon |d_M\rangle \quad M = 0, \pm 1 \quad \varepsilon < \varepsilon_{\text{Bind}} = -2.24\text{MeV}$

Then we put deuteron into a magnetic field

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evaluate E and examine the deuteron tends to get bound or unbound in a strong magnetic field

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non-perturbative Hamiltonian perturbative Hamiltonian

Deuteron energy shift (Preliminary)

Perturbation theory with degeneracies

Energy shift ΔE from the first order of perturbation is given by

$$A\mathbf{a} = \Delta E\mathbf{a}$$

A is the matrix and matrix elements given by $A_{MM'} = \langle d_M | \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}^{B \neq 0} - \hat{V}_{\text{OPE}} | d_{M'} \rangle$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)^t$ tells how to mix eigenstates

$$|\psi\rangle = a_1 |d_{M=1}\rangle + a_2 |d_{M=-1}\rangle + a_3 |d_{M=0}\rangle$$

We calculate this matrix elements and eigenvalue numerically.

Deuteron energy shift (Preliminary)

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \frac{|eB|}{m_\pi^2} = 5 \quad (B \sim 10^{19} \text{G}) \quad \Delta E_1 &= 1.32 \text{MeV} \\ \Delta E_2 &= 1.15 \text{MeV} \\ \Delta E_3 &= -0.0142 \text{MeV} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\psi_{\varepsilon+\Delta E_1}\rangle = 0.707 |d_{M=+1}\rangle - 0.707 |d_{M=-1}\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\varepsilon+\Delta E_2}\rangle = 0.707 |d_{M=+1}\rangle + 0.707 |d_{M=-1}\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\varepsilon+\Delta E_3}\rangle = |d_{M=0}\rangle$$

- Spin un and down states may tend to get unbound in heavy baryon limit

Summary

- We derived the one-pion exchange potential in a strong magnetic field with ChPT

Effects of an external magnetic field : charged pion propagator and covariant derivative coupling

- There are not much difference between the $\hat{V}_{\text{OPE}}^{B \neq 0}$ and \hat{V}_{OPE}
- We examined deuteron's energy shift in a magnetic field with perturbation theory
- The energy shift and mixing state are caused by the perturbative Hamiltonian